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WASHINGTON (UPI)--A TOP SPY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM HIS CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) JOB WHILE AUTHORITIES LOOK INTO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN A MYSTERIOUS TANGLE WITH ANOTHER AGENT OVER SOME EXPOSED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND MISSING JEWELS.

A CIA SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY THAT VETERAN OPERATOR MANS V. TOFTE WAS TAKEN OFF HIS JOB AND PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF HOWARD OSBORNE, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY FOR THE CIA. THE AGENCY WOULD NOT DEFINE PRECISELY WHAT TOFTE NORMALLY DOES BUT HE IS GENERALLY SAID TO BE AN EXPERT IN CLAUDESTINE OPERATIONS.

TOFTE, WHO COMPLAINED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT \$19,500 IN JEWELRY DISAPPEARED AFTER ANOTHER AGENT VISITED HIS WASHINGTON HOME, WILL STAY ON THE PAYROLL AT HIS REGULAR SALARY OF NEARLY \$25,000 UNTIL AN INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED, THE AGENCY SAID.

WASHINGTON POLICE SAID THEY STILL WERE WORKING ON THE JEWELRY THEFT AND HAD TALKED WITH TWO OTHER CIA AGENTS AND THE WIFE OF ONE OF THEM. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED.

SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., REANTIME ASKED THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF "TO FOLLOW THIS UP AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS." MCCARTHY IS A FREQUENT CRITIC OF CIA OPERATIONS.

TOFTE HAS CHARGED THAT HIS HOME WAS ENTERED IN WHAT HE CALLED A "SILLY CLOAK AND DAGGER RAID" BY TWO OTHER CIA AGENTS, KENNETH R. SLOCUM AND CHARLES D. SPEAKE, ON JULY 24.

THE CIA SAID THE TWO AGENTS RECOVERED SOME CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ITS HEADQUARTERS.

AFTER THE ALLEGED RAID, TOFTE SAID, HIS WIFE DISCOVERED ABOUT \$19,500 IN JEWELRY MISSING FROM THE HOME.

THE CIA SAID SLOCUM AND HIS WIFE VISITED TOFTE'S HOME IN WASHINGTON'S GEORGETOWN SECTION JULY 23 AFTER IT WAS ADVERTISED FOR SALE IN NEWSPAPERS BY A REALTOR TO WHOM TOFTE HAD SOLD IT.

THE AGENCY SAID SLOCUM DISCOVERED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AT THE HOUSE AND REPORTED IT TO HIS SUPERIORS. THE DOCUMENTS WERE ORDERED RETRIEVED, THE CIA EXPLANATION SAID.

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